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Application Number	09/824,671
Filing Date	April 4, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hiroaki Mashiko et al.
Art Unit	1724
Examiner Name	Jason M. Greene
Attorney Docket Number	NO2-129931C/KK

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**a. ☒ Previously submitted**i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on January 10, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____**b. ☒ Enclosed**i. ☐ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment**2. Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0481i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☒ Other Deficiencies Onlyb. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 896.00 enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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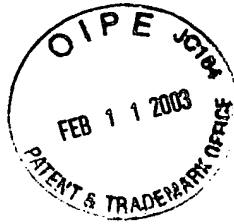
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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	24 -	22	= 2	x \$18.00	\$ 36.00
Indep. Claims	-		=	x \$84.00	\$ 000.00

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\$36.00

The fee in the amount of \$36.00 to cover the excess claim fees is included with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that, prior to examination, the present Application is amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

- - 23. The air-permeable filter according to claim 1, further comprising:
a cap portion which is connected to said laminate.

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24. The air-permeable filter according to claim 23, further comprising one of a heat weld, an ultrasonic weld, a vibrational weld, and an adhesive for affixing said laminate to said cap portion.- -